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To All Interested Parties:

The State Controller's Office proudly welcomes your participation at the *Education Mandated Cost Workshop with Schools, Community Colleges and Associates*. This timely and informative event will be held in Northern California on Monday, August 18, 2008, at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, Sacramento, California.

I see it as my job to improve the relationship between my office and California's schools, and to make my office the resource for K-12 and Community College districts on how to effectively navigate the enigmatic and complex laws and processes relating to education mandated cost claims. My office has already met with some districts and provided hands-on guidance, including clarifying claiming requirements.

I invite you to join my office, in collaboration with the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO), to discuss the very important topic of mandates. The field's most acclaimed experts will be participating in the workshop, including representatives from the Legislature, Commission on State Mandates, the Department of Finance, CASBO, and the State Controller's Office. Bringing these fields of expertise together presents excellent opportunities to discuss the very challenging issues involving mandates, to learn from each other, and continue to solidify future opportunities to improve this complex process.

Enclosed is the agenda for the Northern California event, along with registration information. Registration will open beginning June 16, 2008. Space is limited, so be sure to register early. You can register at the State Controller's Office website www.sco.ca.gov – workshop information can be found on the home page under, "In the Spotlight" or "Mandate Facts and Help". The registration fee of \$75.00 will be accepted by check only. Please mail your registration form and check to the State Controller's Office no later than July 14, 2008. However, please make your check **payable to CASBO**. A continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be provided. A map of the workshop location is also enclosed for your convenience.

Please join me in building a stronger bridge between all interested parties to better support California's K-14 education system. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Hernandez of the State Controller's Office, at 916-324-1506, or dhernandez@sco.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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